

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 in the board room at the Administrative Office. Chairman Schirf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Attendance:**

Mr. Schirf, Mr. Ake, Mr. Neugebauer, Mrs. Marcinko & Mr. Strohm were present, constituting a quorum in accordance with AWA Bylaws. All AWA Board of Directors meetings are conducted in accordance with the PA Sunshine Laws. Also in attendance were Consulting Engineer, Mark Glenn, Solicitor, Alan Krier, AWA Staff, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis, and Kathy Gabella.

### **Public Comment:**

None

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

Mrs. Marcinko made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017 meeting. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. Bellwood Reservoir– the Authority is awaiting approval from DEP on the report submitted for the test borings and the geotechnical information. The person at DEP who had been reviewing this has retired and the report was given to a consultant. It will be another two (2) months before any feedback is received.

Mr. Glenn, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Sinisi met with the Pennsylvania Game Commission regarding silt disposal sites on Game Land property near Blandburg. It was a very positive meeting and the Game Commission had additional sites to be considered near Blandburg. There was also discussion on the topic of spreading of biosolids. The Game Commission was receptive to this idea and staff is hopeful to work something out with them.

2. Bellwood Water Treatment Plant Design Upgrades – the pilot study for the membrane filtration is approximately midway. There are five (5) separate modules from different manufacturers. At this time the PALL module is running the best in overall performance and restoration of the module after cleaning it.
3. By-Laws - have been distributed to all board members. Mr. Schirf thanked the committee for a job well done.
4. Rate Study – a preliminary evaluation has been completed on water rate structure based on different options using the American Water Works Association guidelines. This is still a staff level review. Next month staff should receive recommendations on the sewer rates.

### **Requisition Approval:**

Mr. Schirf asked Mrs. DeRubeis for the Financial Report and the Requisitions/Authorizations. Mrs. DeRubeis gave her report and then asked for approval of the following requisitions.

Requisitions #68 & 69 Water Division Construction Fund totaling – \$37,801.18

Requisition #2015-29 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$36,402.96

Requisition #2016-12 Water Revenue Surplus Fund totaling - \$170,368.70

Mr. Neugebauer made a motion to approve the requisitions. Mrs. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

### **New Business:**

None

### **Resolutions:**

1. Resolution #17-06-855 to amend and restate the Altoona Water Authority By-Laws

Mr. Ake made a motion to approve resolution #17-06-855. Mr. Neugebauer seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. Motion approved with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

### **Other Business:**

Mrs. Marcinko mentioned that with the support of the other board members she would like the Authority to look into assisting with watering the community gardens. After some discussion it was decided Mr. Perry will get in touch with Deputy Chief Michael Tofano to discuss this and will follow-up with the board by email.

### **Media Questions**

The board and staff addressed questions from Bill Kibler from the Altoona Mirror.

### **Executive Session:**

An executive session was called at 9:31 for legal issues.

**Adjournment:**

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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